

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6265

As Passed Senate, February 11, 2010

Title: An act relating to hospital surveys or audits.

Brief Description: Concerning hospital surveys or audits.

Sponsors: Senator Keiser.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long-Term Care: 1/20/10, 1/21/10 [DP].
Passed Senate: 2/11/10, 47-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Pflug, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Marr and Parlette.

Staff: Edith Rice (786-7444)

Background: Legislation was enacted in 2004 which required the Department of Health (DOH) to develop an instrument that would allow hospitals to anonymously evaluate surveys and audits conducted by a variety of state agencies. These evaluations can be returned to the department for distribution to the appropriate agency. Results are compiled by the department and submitted to the Legislature.

Summary of Bill: The department is no longer required to provide an instrument to evaluate surveys and audits to hospitals. The report to the Legislature is eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This would allow staff to spend time on other projects. We are already working on improving customer satisfaction in a meaningful way.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Karen Jensen, Assistant Secretary, DOH.